Mr. P. Subbarama Chetty.—

Is it not clear from the replies given here that the rights of non-officials have been interfered with?

General Secretary to Government.—

No.

Mr. V. Venkatappa.—

Has it come to the notice of Government that the Sheristedar has been attending to the duties of the Vice-President?

General Secretary to Government.—

We are not aware.

Mr. V. Venkatappa.—

If that is a fact, is it not against the rules?

General Secretary to Government.—

That is a hypothetical question.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Will the Government enquire whether the Sheristedar has been signing for the President?

General Secretary to Government.—

We will enquire.

MESSRS. B. L. BYANNA (Bangalore City Municipality), B. M. MUNISAMAPPA (Bangalore Taluk) and S. MUNIVENKATAPPA (Minority Interest).—

Q.—3. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) The number of (1) regular appeals, (2) original appeals and (3) review petitions on the civil side and that of (1) appeals, (2) reviews and (3) other miscellaneous petitions on the criminal side in which arguments were heard and posted for order in the High Court of Mysore from 1st January 1929 up to date?

(*b*) The date when the above said cases were instituted in the High Court of Mysore, the date of their admission as also the date on which the arguments were heard and finally posted for orders?

(*c*) The date when orders in the above said cases were pronounced and the number and variety of cases where arguments were heard and no orders have as yet been pronounced ?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—3. (*a*) (*b*) and (*c*) It is not possible to furnish the information as the collection of the same involves a large amount of time and labour.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. B. L. Byanna.—

Has it come to the notice of Government that judgments are pronounced in the High Court long after the hearing of the cases ?

Chief Secretary to Government.—

We do not know.

Mr. B. L. Byanna.—

Is it not clear from this interpellation that it is so ?

Chief Secretary to Government.—

It has not come to the notice of Government that there are any instances of delay.

Mr. Belur Srinivasa Iyengar.—

Is there not a separate register maintained for regular appeals ?

Chief Secretary to Government.—

Yes.

Mr. Belur Srinivasa Iyengar.—

If so, is it not very easy to say how many regular appeals are pending ?

Chief Secretary to Government.—

It is possible to give the total number of cases. But that is not the question asked. It is not possible to say offhand how many of the cases are posted for hearing and heard and in how many cases judgments were reserved.

Mr. Belur Srinivasa Iyengar.—

Did the High Court say that it is not possible to furnish the information asked for in the interpellation ?

Chief Secretary to Government.—

I cannot answer that question.

Mr. Belur Srinivasa Iyengar.—

Are the Government aware that the number of review petitions on the civil side is very little ?

Chief Secretary to Government.—

We do not know.

Mr. Belur Srinivasa Iyengar.—

Can you furnish the information asked for in the course of the session ?

Dewan.—

Yes, if possible.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

What are the ways and means for the Government to find out that the work in the High Court is being done expeditiously ?

Chief Secretary to Government.—

Their administration reports are reviewed by the Government.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Is it not necessary to review their work now and then ?

Chief Secretary to Government.—

Government cannot go into the details of the work in the High Court.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Is it not necessary that Government should see that the work in the High Court is not delayed ?

Chief Secretary to Government.—

It is not the duty of the Government.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Are not Government above the High Court ?

Chief Secretary to Government.—

This is a constitutional matter.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Will not delays in the High Court cause hardship to the people ?

Chief Secretary to Government.—

That is a matter of opinion.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Is it not the duty of the Government to see that delays are avoided in the High Court ?

Chief Secretary to Government.—

I do not think so.

Capt. Y. V. Ayya.—

Do the Government get any progress report of work done in the High Court ?

Chief Secretary to Government.—

Government get the administration report every year.

Capt. Y. V. Ayya.—

Do the Government get progress reports periodically and review them ?

Chief Secretary to Government.—

No. The High Court is not like an executive department.

Capt. Y. V. Ayya.—

Does it mean that Government have no authority over the High Court ?

Chief Secretary to Government.—

It is not usual for the Government to get progress reports and examine them periodically.

Capt. Y. V. Ayya.—

Can you not get periodical progress reports of the work that is being done in the High Court and review the same?

Dewan.—

We can only draw the attention of the High Court, but we cannot interfere with their work.

Mr. K. Venkataswamiah.—

Would it not be possible to have a column in the case sheet to show the interval between the hearing of the case and pronouncing judgment?

Dewan.—

So far as the High Court is concerned, Government have got every confidence in their ability to administer justice in the best possible manner. They try to dispose of cases as early as possible. In cases where there are delays, there may be some reason. It is not right to discuss more on the subject.

MESSRS. A. M. VENKATASAMIAH (Closepet Municipality), VEERASANJEEVAGOWDA (Closepet Taluk) and T. MADIAH GOWDA (Special Interest).—

Q.—4. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) When did the tank bund of the Brahmanipura Tank in Channapatna Taluk breach?

(*b*) Is it a fact that a number of petitions and representations have been received by Government for its repairs?

(*c*) Have the Government got an estimate prepared for the same?

(*d*) Have the Government held out any promise to get the repairs executed expeditiously; if so, when?

(*e*) If the work has not yet been commenced, what are the reasons for the same?

(*f*) Are the Government aware that the raiyat population is put to great hardship owing to the breach of the tank bund?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—4. (*a*) In the year 1931.